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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Office Action, dated August 25, 2004, be extended for two months to January 25, 2005.

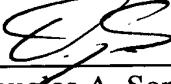
A response to the Office Action, dated August 25, 2004, is filed concurrently herewith.

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